

## NEW FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### President Wilson Announces New Features in Handling Trust Question.

Washington.—President Wilson outlined his trust legislation plan to congress early this week. The president has left the task of framing the detailed remedies to congress. Three hitherto unannounced features of the president's plan are:

First—The prohibition of holding companies. Corporations would be forbidden to own or hold shares or be interested in the business of actual competitors or cognate concerns; and the acquisition of stock or interests in non-competitive concerns would be possible only with the consent of the interstate commerce commission or the proposed interstate trade commission.

Second—Empowering the interstate commerce commission to regulate and supervise the issuance of securities by the railroads, so that the public would exercise through the commission a certain control over the future uses to which the money obtained from the issue of stocks or bonds would be put.

Third—Wherever, at the instance of the government, either in civil or criminal proceedings, the courts have rendered judgment on the unlawfulness of any combination, individuals or concerns aggrieved, through the combination would have the benefit of such adjudication and not be required in their suits to prove again the illegality of the combination.

The president has dealt with those general principles in which he believed public sentiment is agreed that correction is necessary. He has emphasized that a spirit of friendliness rather than hostility should characterize the method of approaching the work of reform. To this end the president himself, it was learned, is behind the announced programme of public hearings on the proposed bills.

#### Opportunity for Business Adjustment.

The president desires, too, that in the legislation ample time shall be given in all cases for business to adjust itself to new conditions, even to a period of from one to two years.

in line with the idea that public opinion is more or less agreed on certain principles, the president considers the prohibition of holding companies as a vital part of the programme. He believes that, beginning with the decision of the United States supreme court in the Northern Securities case, holding companies have come under the ban of public disapproval.

A function analogous to a public utilities commission would be given to the new interstate trade commission through its power of inquisition and investigation of what constitute competitive and non-competitive conditions. It is recognized by administrative advocates of this feature that there are many cases in which a wide sweeping prohibition of holding companies might prevent the organization of useful enterprises. The supervision of the issuance of railroad securities is to be regulated in the belief that railroad capitalization and the issuance of securities are closely involved with increases in rates.

#### Agricultural Clearing House Proposed

Co-operation among the farmers instead of competition, that the "farmer may receive the whole of the consumer's dollar for his product instead of 35 to 45 per cent, as is now the case," is the aim of a bill introduced by Senator Borah to create an "agricultural clearing house," to be run by the farmers under government charter or subsidy.

The bill would furnish machinery for scientific marketing and standardization of farm products under direction of a country-wide organization of producers irrespective of government control. It created quite a stir in the senate, Senator Borah explaining later that he had not written the measure, but had introduced it, together with a memorial, at the request of E. H. Rettig, a farmer of Opportunity, Wash.

The clearing house would be under the management of a board of 15 directors chosen by agricultural subdivisions of the country for terms of five years. Their salaries would be \$5000 a year. The association would draw its real strength from county associations consisting of not less than 50 farmers each.

#### Loan Bill Made Rider.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, offered an amendment to the Alaska government railroad bill, authorizing a loan of \$100,000,000 to the reclamation fund under the same conditions and on the same terms as congress recently au-

thorized a loan of \$20,000,000. This amendment is drawn in conformity with the recommendation made by Secretary Lane in his annual report. The proposal was brought forward in connection with the Alaska railroad bill because of the expectation that the railroad bill is soon to become law.

## WEALTHY SPOKANE MAN DISAPPEARS

Santa Barbara, Cal.—F. Lewis Clark, one of the wealthiest residents of Spokane, Wash., heavily interested in mines, flour mills, real estate and other enterprises, has been missing ever since he attended his wife to the train last week. His disappearance is proving a deep mystery.

Friends and the police believe Mr. Clark either was murdered or committed suicide. In support of one of these presumptions, Mr. Clark's hat was found on the ocean beach, a mile north of the Santa Barbara wharf.

Mr. Clark, who had been in this vicinity for the past three months, coming from Spokane for the benefit of his health, was staying at a hotel.

It is said that Mrs. Clark does not believe her husband is dead and will institute a vigorous search for him on the theory that he merely wandered away. When Mrs. Clark left Santa Barbara Friday night for Spokane she left her husband in his usual good spirits. Immediately thereafter he dismissed his chauffeur at the depot and he has not been seen since.

#### Father Prendergast Dies.

San Francisco.—Monsignor J. J. Prendergast, vicar-general of the archdiocese of California, pastor of St. Mary's church in this city, and a Catholic priest in San Francisco for 53 years, died here of old age.

#### Four Children Lost in Dense Forest.

Roseburg, Or.—Hundreds of farmers combed the timbered districts lying east of this city for trace of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Adams, who wandered away from their home.

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## NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

### Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

#### Operating Cost Saved.

Boise.—The cost of operating the pure food, dairy and sanitary department of this state is being paid back to the people. Short-weight butter is now unknown in this state, due to the activities of the commissioner in charge of the department, James H. Wallis. Butter consumers who were forced to pay a full price for short-weight butter are now receiving full weight butter packages and this saving alone to them is well over \$12,000 a year.

This showing is made by Commissioner Wallis in his annual report to Governor Haines.

#### Aliens to Have Night School.

Bonnors Ferry.—B. E. Wick, head of the commercial department of the high school, is making preparations to start a night school for the many young Swedish and Norwegian men in the vicinity. They will be taught the elements of reading, spelling and civil government in order that they may be ready for the naturalization tests when they have been residents long enough.

#### J. Bourne, Jr., Wins Suit.

Boise.—Ex-Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, has won his fight for valuable mining property in the Coeur d'Alene mining district. Judge F. S. Dietrich having handed down a decision in his favor dismissing the action brought against him by the Stewart Mining company for the possession of ore bodies beneath the surface of the Ontario lode mining claim.

#### Gold Saving Machine Invented.

Lewiston.—Richard Williams, who is identified with a new gold-saving machine, has acquired land on the upper Snake river and will establish one of the big machines there this spring. It is said for this invention that the problem of catching the flour gold carried in the black sand of the Snake river has been solved.

#### MINE SUPPLIES BY MAIL

Homesteaders in Idaho Also Get Flour and Sugar by Parcel Post.

Lewiston.—The parcel post is proving a boon to cities located only on stage lines and to miners in this territory. Previously many miners were compelled to abandon their work during the winter season on account of the prohibitive cost of getting supplies, but hundreds are now able to continue operations when the parcel post has come into use. Homesteaders find it equally convenient.

At Grangeville, 1600 pounds of wheat is to be shipped over wagon roads for nearly 50 miles to Elk City, Idaho. B. B. Scott, a merchant of Elk City, has 50,000 pounds of merchandise, mostly flour and sugar, that he will ship in by parcel post; 3500 pounds of flour and sugar was brought to Stites, Idaho, to go to Elk City by parcel post; 400 pounds of blacksmith coal has been shipped by parcel post from Spokane to Elk City, and there are 20,000 pounds of concentrates now at Elk City which will be shipped to the smelters at Anaconda, Mont., by parcel post.

#### Special Bond Election "Killed."

Nez Perce.—The county commissioners of Lewis county have decided not to call a special bond election to submit to the voters the proposal to bond the county for \$40,000 to provide funds for the erection of a courthouse building. Taxpayers in all sections of the county have made protest against putting the county to the expense of a special election, and this sentiment was so strong that it was doubted if the bonds could be carried.

#### Republican to Honor Lincoln.

Wallace.—Lincoln's birthday will be observed by local republicans with a banquet and program, according to the decision of the executive committee of the county central committee. Members of the executive committee from all portions of the county responded to a call of Chairman James A. Wayne.

#### Open Season Change Asked.

Payette.—An effort is being made to change the dates of the open season for ducks and geese as set forth in the federal law protecting migratory birds. Petitions are being circulated by the game wardens of southern Idaho asking that the open season be from September 1 to December 10.

#### Wholesale Shipment by "Post."

Spokane, Wash.—B. L. Gordon & Co., Spokane, have begun the shipment of a 50,000 pound order of groceries to Elk City by the parcel post. Gordon declares that by shipping parcel post he can underbid the wholesalers of Portland and Lewiston.

## GLACIER PARK INDIANS GIVE NOTED ACTRESS PAIR OF EXQUISITELY BEADED MOCCASINS



CHICAGO.—A band of Glacier National Park Indians sent to Chicago by Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway to attend the land show, sprung a surprise on Mary Garden, the noted actress, by serenading her with their weird music and songs as she stepped from her private car. These Montana Indians from the Roof of the Rockies are great admirers of the distinguished stage star, who appears in the role of Natamah, an Indian maid, in the opera of that name. The real object of the Indians' reception to Mary Garden was the presentation by them of a pair of exquisitely beaded moccasins which the best headworkers of the Glacier Park reservation made for her. More than 200,000 beads of twenty-five shades of color were used in decorating this buckskin footwear. It took ten squaws six months to complete their work.

When the squaws had finished their labor the medicine men of the tribe went through the mystical rites of making "good medicine," so if the wearer of the artistically beaded moccasins does not find herself becoming more nimble as Natamah it is no fault of Chiefs Lazy Boy, Medicine Owl, Bird Rattle, Wolf Plume, Fish Wolf Robe and Eagle Calf.

The actress was delighted with the gift as well as the unique reception tendered her by her red friends whom she promised to visit in Glacier National Park next summer.

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